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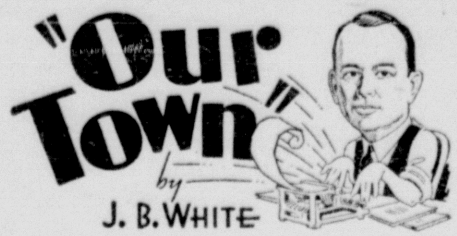
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FARM BENEFITS TOTAL \$815,766

POLITICS AND BUSINESS NEW YEAR TOPICS RENTALS TOP GIFTS



J. B. WHITE

It is the blessed characteristic of human life, that the door of new opportunities is always open. In the popular imagination, New Year's day has always been regarded as such a time of opportunity. There is no more opportunity on January 1 than there is July 1 or any other date. But somehow the idea of a wholly new chance in the new year has seized the imagination, and countless people have been encouraged to make a new start at that time.

Popular cynicism has commonly ridiculed such New Year resolutions. But even if only a fraction of the people lived up to them, it was a fine thing to have encouraged people to try.

In the old picture of New Year resolutions, much was said about "turning over a new leaf." The picture thus suggested may have come from the old-fashioned school writing books. The children looked thru the old leaves of such a book and saw them marred by many blots, and such scrawly writing. But a certain incentive was given them when they turned over from those pages, and made a start on a new fresh leaf. They seemed to feel hope that with this fresh start they could make a better showing.

Every day is a kind of new leaf, on which we write the history of our lives. In the old-fashioned imagination, January 1 was especially such a day. We have a fresh chance in the New Year, no matter how many blots there were on the story before. If we can take hold of the task with new courage and determination, there will not be so many blots.

If we have failed to do these things that we wanted to do in 1935, a new determination will help us do many of them in 1936. At least the effort is worth making, and the more we try the greater the results will be.

In a thousand cities, the new year comes in amid scenes of hilarious gaiety. The people have had their troubles, but somehow the new calendar on the wall, the new date on their letters and newspapers, give them the feeling that things are going to be different.

It is like some turn of the road. We have been travelling uphill a long time, through thick forest and undergrowth. But finally we see that the road ahead is making an abrupt turn. We hasten our steps, hopeful that when we get around that sharp angle, we are going to get some new vista. We hope it will show us emerging from the thicket, and give us a clear view of the ground that lies ahead.

Such a thought applies peculiarly on January 1, 1936, since our people have been traveling for several years an uphill road, through thickets of difficulty, through which they could not see the way. Now the light seems to be breaking through that thicket, the undergrowth seems less dense. It looks as if January first was bringing us out into a better country, with indications that the climb is about over.

People have always welcomed the new year, though to some it brings melancholy reflections. The old folks mourn the passing years, and regretfully reflect that they are much nearer the final home. But the young folks kick up their heels, they cheer the march of time, they are feeling that anything that is new is going to be better.

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Outlook Holds Promise of Year Filled Activity

1936 is just eight days ahead. As the New Year approached many were visualizing the program and the coming events. Predominating were thoughts of business, including tax paying time which is at hand.

There was the realization that 1936 is a big political year. The voting will start in February in the city of Cameron when the city primary election is held. Thus far no candidates have announced. The primary will be followed by the general election in April.

The New Year will be political from February to November. In May the precinct Presidential primaries are held. These are followed by the county convention in June when delegates are named to the state convention of the national party. The state convention will name delegates to the national convention which in turn names candidates for President and Vice President.

The big political interest is the July primary when candidates are named from precinct to Governor of the state. Announcements have us—
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CITY TEEMS WITH BUYERS

Cameron was witnessing a revival of the old time Christmas spirit Monday with hundreds of people thronging the city and many returning from distant places to spend the holidays.

Merchants reported good business, in fact on Saturday the stores were so crowded shopping was difficult. Tuesday will be Christmas eve and the biggest day in ten years was predicted.

Already stocks were being taxed to take care of the demand but merchants are confident they would be able to meet all needs of the buyers.

The weather was promising for a clear Christmas day Wednesday. There will be no white Christmas. Snow seemed remote although a good portion of the state was mantled early Saturday and Sunday.

Indications were the day would be quiet. Churches were getting their programs ready and the people were assured of a proper observance.

Merchants are looking forward to the new year with grater hope believing that the worst had passed and that things will be better. The business thermometer was registering high and there was every indication business would show the biggest total in years.

Tentative Date Set For Banquet For Football Men

Tentative date for the football banquet has been set for January 3, it was announced Monday by S. A. Cottle, president of the Athletic Council.

E. A. Perrin is in charge of arrangements but out of the city for the holidays. The 1935 Yoemen will be tendered a special compliment at the banquet. A feature will be the award of sweaters.



COACH WOOD

Coach Wood has just completed the list of letter men for football in 1935. The list includes 16 of the squad, one of the largest numbers yet given the honors. Sweaters for the men have been purchased and will be awarded at the coming football banquet.

Supply and Demand To Govern Price of Cotton Says County Board Man

"Night at Opera" Sunday Screen Bill at Cameron

Those Merry Madcaps, the Marx Brothers—Groucho, Chico and Harpo—spent two years in preparation for the filming of their latest comedy "A Night at the Opera," which will open at the Milam Sunday, December 29th.

It is worth waiting for.

An Interesting Plot
Here is a picture that is not only tops the screamingly funny comedy you would expect from the Marx Brothers, but one that is built around an intriguing plot, an interesting story and some truly brilliant singing by two Broadway stage favorites, Kitty Carlisle and Allan Jones.

The action romps along at a sprightly pace as Groucho, Chico and Harpo go into the grand opera business in Italy, dash across the Atlantic—
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\$50 Given to Will Rogers Fund Here

Stanley Swift of the Swift Theatres reported Monday that \$50 had been raised for the Will Rogers memorial fund in Cameron and sent to the headquarters in New York.

Funds thus raised over the nation will be used for a hospital benefit for crippled children.

COLLEGE STUDENTS RETURN FOR WEEK

Students from the various colleges and universities are home for the Christmas holidays. When Cameron's young men and women come home from school for the Christmas holidays, everything takes on a gay air. Welcome home, students!

Those home from the State University, Austin, are: Miss Patsy McGregor, John Watson, Miss Henriem Hefley, Howard Terry, Miss Mary Newton, Chas. and Trovall Stall, Miss Dorothy Kidd, Julian Freeman, Hilliard Thomas.

Niley Smith, Ralph McLerran, Clayton Sapp and Stanfield Stach are here from A. & M. College.

From Baylor University, Waco, comes Miss Ida Byrd Mayfield, Leonard Blaylock and Miss Katherine Mode.

Coming from C. I. A. Denton are: Misses Helen Williams, Nancy Newton, Patsy Lyons, Dorothea Kubecka, Frances McDermott.

Miss Inez Smith is here from Baylor College, Belton.

"Mutt" Slocumb, Billy Gillis, Frank Newton are here from Schriener Institute, Kerville.

Bobby Lyons is here from N. T. A. C. Arlington.

Those here from Draughton's Business College in Dallas are: Miss Ray Fanning, Harold Jackson, Curtis Killeen, and from the same college in Houston are: Misses Carolyn Porter, Nona Weems, May Virginia Sutton, Kathryn Hefley.

John Baldwin and John Martin are here from Rice Institute, Houston.

Jail Cell Scene Of Marriage As Prisoner Weds

George Jenkins, a prisoner in the Milam County jail was married on Wednesday afternoon to Miss Pary Lou Hale, an attractive blonde, who came from Oklahoma to wed Jenkins.

Justice of Peace Womack Brashear of this city performed the ceremony in the jail.

Jenkins was placed in jail on Tuesday by City Marshall Gene Smith and his deputy, Mason Longmire, and charged with stealing a flashlight, an overcoat and disturbing peace. Jenkins lives near Cameron.

Back For Holidays



FRANK NEWTON

Among the students returning for the holidays is Frank Newton from Schriener Institute. He is making good in a big way and will be welcome to many at his home. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Newton, Sr.

Frank reported to the Herald at noon Monday that Billy Gillis, son of Judge and Mrs. Graham Gillis, was given a medal last week end for his grades in school. He has the highest average of any member of the football squad at Schriener and ranks among the highest in the school.

Friends in Cameron will be glad to know of his success. Billy was Captain and full back on the Yoemen team in 1934 winning the conference.

Roll Call Service For Presbyterians

Rev. O. C. Acrey, pastor, announced Monday that the annual roll call service for the Presbyterian church would be held on January 19.

Plans call for an unique service. This day is one of wide interest in the church. Further details will be announced later.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday December 29 Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11 o'clock.

County Relief Benefits Will End January 1st

Milam Parole Board Named By Governor

E. C. Cole, local agent for the Southern Pacific Lines and close friend of Governor James V. Alfred, has been named a member of the Parole Board for Milam County.

John P. O'Neill, of Burlington, prominent Democrat, has also been named. Other members are: L. A. Svetlek, Buckholts business man; J. E. Cook, publisher of the Rockdale Reporter and F. H. Steitzer of Thornedale.

The parole board was created following an amendment to the Constitution providing a new system of clemency.

RENTALS TOP GIFTS

The total benefit payments paid or due Milam County farmers under the AAA program during the year 1935 will be about \$815,766.75, according to the annual report County Agent Geo. Banzhaf, is preparing as a summary of the year's work in his office.

The actual figures for payments already made and due by the Government under the AAA for cotton and corn-hog crop reduction for 1935 totals \$515,566.75. With an estimated subsidy payment of \$100,000 yet to be made to cotton producers, in addition about 14000 bales of cotton exemption certificates sold, by farmers and placed in the National Pool, to be sold by the government is estimated to bring \$200,000.

Since the subsidy payment is based on the basic cotton market on the day the cotton is sold and varies from no payment to a maximum of two cents per pound from day to day, the subsidy payments can only be estimated.

During the current year the total number of cotton rented acres has been 63,893. With 3190 contracts being signed with the Federal Government. The total number of Corn-Hog contracts signed in the county is 276. Corn-Hog contracts brought a total of \$22,298.69 into the pockets of Milam County corn-hog signers.

Geo. Banzhaf, County Agent, Milam County, Texas.

LATE NEWS FLASHES

CONTRACT SIGNED

Secretary Paden announced Monday that contract had been signed on the Frank Monroe building by the Kraft-Phoenix Cheese Corporation thus completing the final detail for the establishment of the plant here.

JACK FREEMAN ILL

Jack Freeman, widely known citizen, was taken to Cameron Hospital Sunday night in a critical condition. He was found ill in his room at the Milam Hotel. It was said that his condition was grave but some hopes are held for his recovery.

COTTON

Ray O'Neill reported Monday that 26,624 bales of cotton had been ginned from the crop of 1935 prior to December 13. There were 38,961 for the same period last year or 12,000 more than this year.

WORK TO BEGIN

Work on the Burlington road project will begin on January 2. A delegation of business men from Burlington was in Austin at the week end. WPA funds are to be used in addition to a \$16,000 bond issue recently voted. Norman Valley road project work begins December 27.

PUBLISHERS NOTICE

The Herald goes to its readers on Tuesday this week. The office of the publisher will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Employees will observe Christmas. The office will not open for business until Friday of this week. The volume of news carried will not be up to standard and we ask our readers to bear with us. Next week, as usual, the Herald will go forward on Thursday morning.

—THE PUBLISHERS.

County Relief Benefits Will End January 1st

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at Austin, where all accounting and reporting will be done. The curtailed organization will necessitate the retention of only twenty per cent of the present staff of the Relief Commission, unless the Federal Government, after the first of the year should reverse its stand and provide additional funds, this skeleton staff can be retained for not more than three months at which time all relief activities in the state, so far as the Texas Relief Commission is concerned, must come to an end.

Must End Soon
When the final grant was received from Washington and combined with unobligated funds on hand, it was

found that the total available funds would enable us to continue the program at present through the month of December, and at the conclusion of 1935 there remained a small surplus with which by careful control and economical operation, a measure of relief at least could be given to those in Texas who would be in the most need during the bitterest of the winter months. Those persons, of course, constitute the unemployable group who have no other source of help than this organization. This group, on the basis of past counts, estimate a total of approximately 550,000 cases, in Texas and it is this group who will be divided in twenty two districts. In each district there will be a District Administrator and only sufficient case workers and assistants to make a monthly visit to those now on relief rolls and definitely unemployable.

No Medical Aid

After January 1 it will be impossible to give medical attention, hospitalization or dental care even to those unemployable clients who are carried on the relief rolls.

Since these clients will receive only semi-monthly checks mailed from Austin and since there will be no provision for granting emergency relief prior to the receipt of the first check, nor between receipt of checks, it is readily apparent that the local communities must at once begin assuming a large share of the responsibility for these cases. County Judges, Commissioners, Mayors, Councilmen and community organizations are asked to make hurried preparation to assume responsibility for these people.

Aid Must Be Local

There will be needy people, not coming within the Texas Relief Commission classification, who will need assistance during the winter and the local community will be their only source of aid.

All merchants are asked to get distributing orders in by January 8, 1936, in order to receive payment from the District office, otherwise disbursing orders will have to be paid from the state office and due to the fact that the state office does not have the facilities to get these orders paid promptly there will be some delay. These orders will be paid.

It is anticipated that there will be many thousands of unemployable clients dropped from the relief rolls at the end of December and this before they have been certified as eligible for WPA or have started to work on these projects.

The tragedy of this is realized but it is something that can not be averted.

GREEN'S New Funeral Home

LELAND GREEN
Licensed Embalmer

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FUNERAL DIRECTORS

—PHONES—

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New Home Chambers Building
In Front of Postoffice

The Nicest Santa Claus



BY BLANCH TANNIE DILLIN

AS SHE sat watching the fading winter sunset Martha Weeks could hear the kitten crying at the front door. Every day for a week it had been at one of the doors crying to be taken in. It was a cute little thing with its white body and black feet and tail. But Martha couldn't have it tracking mud into the house. Besides what would she do with it when she went away? For it would be foolish to refuse the offer to return to her old position from which she had resigned last spring.

It was at that time that she returned to her old home. Her agent had written of numerous necessary repairs, so Martha had decided to see for herself what those necessary repairs were.



He Was Looking for a Home for His Family.

When she saw the condition of the house and grounds, she concluded the only thing to do was to take over the work herself; find someone to help with both inside and outside work; even give up her position if necessary. It was time she was showing more love for the place; she had neglected it entirely too long. From now on she would try hard to prove worthy of her heritage. She would attempt to restore the order and beauty that had been there in former years.

All spring and summer she and her companion worked tirelessly and lovingly inside the house, painting and sewing, and outside planting and transplanting, while workmen did the heavier work. Many asked would she ever get out what she had put into it? Martha felt she was even now getting much out of it through seeing order and beauty taking the place of disorder and neglect. That her work had borne fruit was proved by many stopping to add a word of praise and those whose admiring glances were sufficient in themselves. If one of those would admire it enough to rent it.

There wasn't much time left—she must report for work the first of the year and Christmas just a week away. How many wonderfully happy times she had had in this house at Christmas. How gay the house always was with holiday decorations. A wreath here, a rope of pine or tinsel there, here another wreath—and now the little evergreen on each side of the front step would make beautiful outdoor Christmas trees. She opened the door to look at the trees. "Meow," the kitten greeted her. Martha hesitated, then picked it up and stepped back into the house. Once inside, the kitten bounded out of her arms, looked around the room, then selected a bright orange cushion on which to take a nap. Martha's hearty laugh brought Hilda Gray, her companion, into the room.

"Behold our new tenant," Martha indicated the peacefully slumbering kitten.

"He certainly looks as though he had decided to stay."

The sound of the knocker sent Martha hastening to open the door. The man standing on the steps asked if she was Miss Weeks. Martha gave an affirmative answer and invited him to step inside. He was the manager of the iron mills across the river and he was looking for a home for his family. He had been interested in the place ever since he first saw it, and today when he saw the kitten standing before the door he felt he just must have the house. Some one had told him that she would rent it. He hoped she would let him have the house and the kitten. The house was so like a real home and his little daughter would love the cat as she had had one just like it. He had promised her another one and if he could have the house before Christmas, he could have his family with him for the holidays, and he could give the kitten to his little girl for a Christmas gift. Satisfactory terms were soon arranged and later Martha told the kitten:

"You are quite the nicest Santa Claus I ever saw, although a queer one. And to think I almost turned you away."

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Use of Christmas Candles

The custom of using Christmas candles was introduced into this country from Europe. In Scandinavia, particularly, it is usual to place candles in the windows on Christmas eve to light Kristine, who brings the gifts. Bayberry candles are particularly appropriate because they are green, aromatic and an emblem of triumph.

Horse Royalty For Texas Centennial Exposition

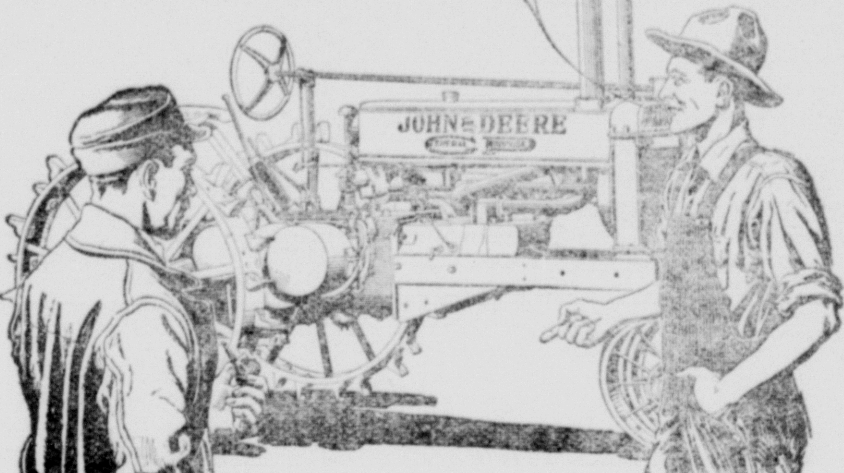


Internationally famous \$100,000 Champion Six-Hitch Clydesdale team owned by Wilson & Co., meat packers, to be shown in the mammoth livestock exhibit at Dallas during the 1936 World's Fair. Photo shows left to right: Thomas E. Wilson, chairman of the board; Edward Foss Wilson, president of Wilson & Co.; and

six of the prize animals. These magnificent horses weigh from 2,000 to 2,200 pounds apiece and are from 16 to 18 hands high.

JIM THRIFT Says:

If you want the tractor that will give you more years of real service at lowest operating cost, take a tip from me. Buy a John Deere.



The new John Deere General Purpose has every feature you have been waiting for. Ask for a demonstration.

Cameron Machine Shop

J. K. FREEMAN

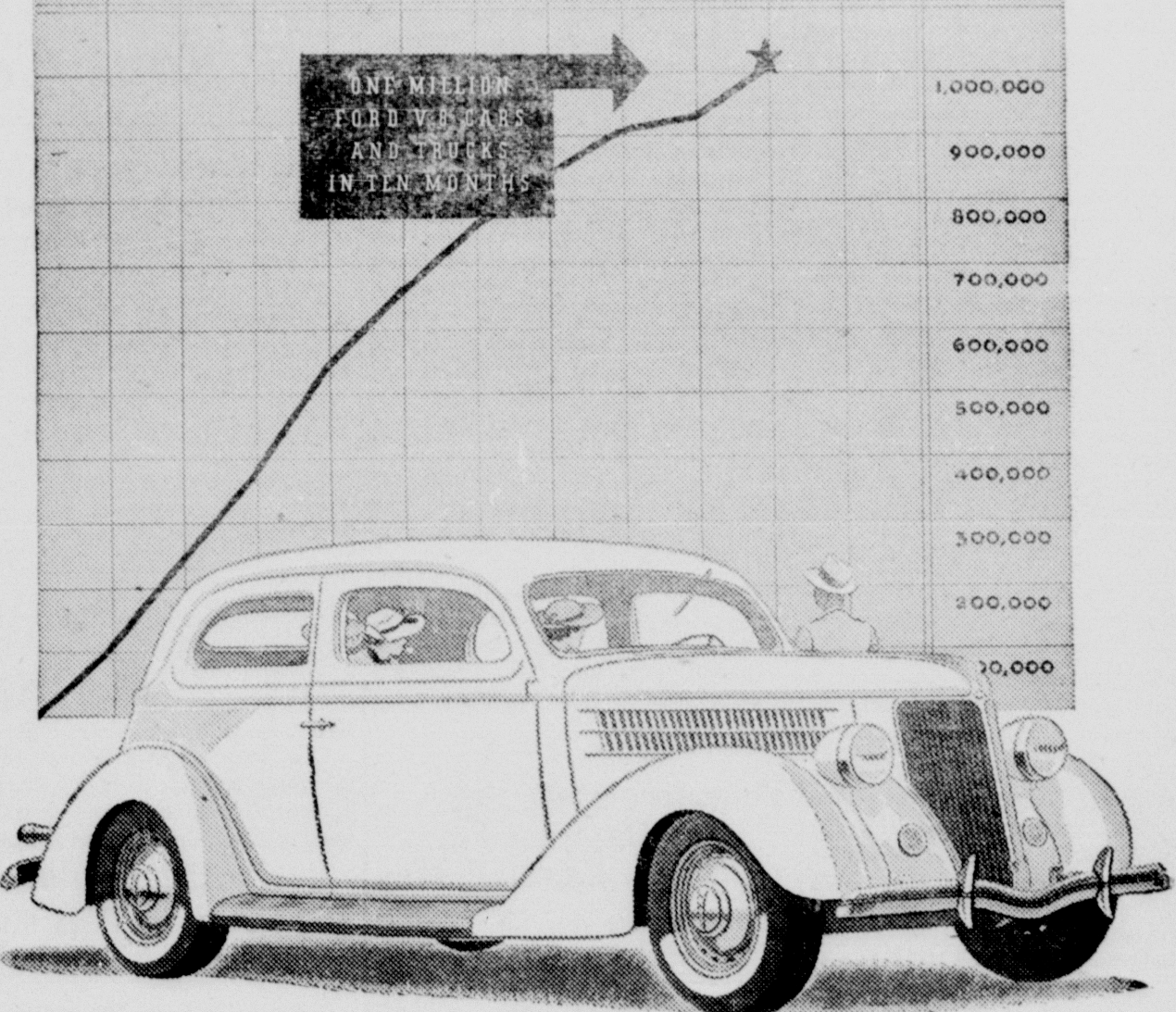
Cameron, Texas

Farm Loans

Private Money to Loan at low interest rate on improved farm lands.

V-8 LEADERSHIP

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
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ON OCTOBER 31 of last year, Henry Ford announced his intention to build a million Ford V-8s in 1935. We are pleased to report that this goal was reached in exactly ten months instead of a full year.

One million cars and trucks is an impressive total. But figures by themselves mean nothing. It is what they represent that counts. Selling a V-8 at a low price has brought a new kind of automobile

within reach of the people. Producing it has provided steady work for hundreds of thousands of men in the Ford plants, in associated industries and on the farm.

These million Ford V-8 cars and trucks have helped to make things better all around. In the first ten months of 1935 the Ford Motor Company paid out, in the United States alone, \$140,119,326.00 in wages and \$523,111,389.00 for materials.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY

BUILDER OF FORD, LINCOLN AND LINCOLN-ZEPHYR MOTOR CARS

THE NEW FORD V-8 FOR 1936 IS NOW ON DISPLAY. THE CAR THAT LED ALL OTHERS IN 1935 HAS BEEN MADE STILL BETTER FOR THE NEW YEAR

How to Keep Colds UNDER better CONTROL



Catching Cold?...
Vicks Vapo-nol helps Prevent many Colds

At the first warning nasal irritation, snuffle or sneeze, use Vicks Vapo-nol—just a few drops up each nostril. Vapo-nol is especially designed for the nose and upper throat—where most colds start. It stimulates Nature's own functions—in the nose—to help prevent colds, and to throw off head colds in their early stages. Used in time, Vapo-nol helps avoid many colds.

Follow Vicks Plan for Better Control of Colds

A helpful guide to fewer colds and shorter colds. Developed by Vicks Chemists and Medical Staff; tested in extensive clinics by practicing physicians—further proved in everyday home use by millions. The Plan is fully explained in each Vicks package.



Caught a Cold?...
Vicks VapoRub helps End a Cold Sooner

If a cold has developed, rub Vicks VapoRub on throat and chest at bedtime. VapoRub acts direct—two ways at once: (1) By stimulation through the skin like a poultice or plaster; (2) By inhalation of its medicated vapors direct to inflamed air-passages. Through the night, this combined vapor-poultice action loosens phlegm, soothes irritation, helps break congestion.

53/26 Over 17 Million Vicks Aids Used Yearly for Better Control of Colds

Vicks Open House: with Grace Moore every Monday 9:30 P. M. (E. S. T.) NBC coast-to-coast

MANY TYPES OF HOLLY

HOLLY, so popular as a Christmas decoration, is most abundant along the bottom lands of eastern Texas and southern Arkansas. There are about 175 species of holly found throughout the world, the largest being the American holly which attains a height of 50 feet. The red-berried holly is most common, although some species bear yellow berries and others black.

Ancient German Christmas.—Belief Germans of ancient times believed that crumbs of bread made at Christmas, and which fell on the ground, would grow into little star flowers with miraculous healing powers.

Santa Claus as Usual.—“Santa Claus is comin’ around as usual in December,” said Uncle Eben, “tryin’ to bring along enough good cheer to beat de tax collector.”

Non-Christians and Christmas.—Non-Christians frequently join in the social observance of the day. To them, it simply has no religious significance.

Christmas Cards Old Custom.—The sending of Christmas cards by way of friendly greeting and remembrance has grown up since about 1850.

Christmas Puddings Made Round.—Christmas puddings are made round so that they may go round.

FORTUNE TO CATS.—Rome, Italy.—Relatives are contesting the will of an aged spinster who bequeathed her entire fortune, about \$24,300, to her thirteen cats “which kept me pleasant company during my life.”

Constipation

If constipation causes you Gas, Indigestion, Headaches, Bad Sleep, Pimples, Skin, get quick relief with ADLERIKA. Thorough in action yet entirely gentle and safe.

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“While they last SPECIAL 10c Trial Sizes on sale at Dusek Pharmacy”

COMMITTEEMEN TO BE ELECTED DEC. 28

Under the 1935 cotton program, committeemen throughout the county were elected by popular vote, by cotton contract signers. This method will again be followed in the selection of community committeemen for 1936, as a contract signer will be called upon to vote.

The community committeemen for 1936 will be elected as follows:

All members of the present community committee shall be voted-upon first and the two receiving the highest votes shall be elected. The third or remaining members for the community shall be elected from contract signers present or from the remaining committeemen who served in 1935.

It is very necessary that you be at the meeting to vote.

Meetings will be held in the nine places listed below for the purpose of electing the committee on Saturday, December 28, 1935 at 2 p. m.

Gause, Milano, Rockdale, Thorndale, Briary, Maysfield, Buckholts, Sharp, Cameron.

You will go to the same places to vote that you went to sign your Bandhead application last summer.

I trust that you will all be able to be at the election and to be on time.

Geo. Banzhaf, County Agent, Milam County, Texas.

USE ZIPPER ON INCISION

Chicago.—Of all the varied uses for the zipper, here's the latest. Recently surgeons attached a zipper, by means of strips of adhesive, to the side of an incision in order that the incision may be opened daily for internal surgical treatment. When the treatment is completed, the incision zips shut.

DESERT HIM; GET FORTUNE

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Although deserted by his wife and family twenty six years ago, Frank L. Christman, eccentric Pittsburgh insurance man, left his entire estate, which would have amounted to about \$15,000, in better times to them.

FOR SALE—Jersey Cow with 6 weeks old calf. Splendid milker, excellent stock. A. L. Jistel, Route 1, Cameron. 2tp

Martha Found a Way to Raise Christmas Funds

CHRISTMAS was drawing nearer and nearer, but Martha Woods seemed no nearer a solution of her problem. The giving of gifts at the Yuletide season had been a tradition with Martha as long as she could remember. This year, however, she saw no way to keep up the cherished custom.

During the past months her income had shriveled to where it would buy only the necessities for herself and Emma, her faithful servant. Through no scrimping or saving could even the finest gifts be sent to those whom she wished to remember.

Now, as she watched the whirling flakes of snow, she thought how lovely it would be to see the big room full of gaily tied packages, waiting to be sent on their various ways. Regretfully she pictured the disappointment of relatives and friends who would think she had forgotten; they would never dream she had grown too poor to buy Christmas gifts; they all believed her wealthy.

With a heavy sigh she looked around the beautiful living room. The furnishings were luxurious; many of them had been in the family for generations. . . . Suddenly a cry came from her lips. She had thought of a quick, sure way to fulfill her desires. She would sell a few of the lovely old pieces. She would send for the proprietor of the antique shop without a moment's delay! Her Christmas gifts would be on their way tomorrow!—Katherine Edelman.

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Glee Club Members Are Entertained

Texas Longhorn Quartette and University Glee Club in a program here December 19th were entertained while in the city in the following homes:

Mrs. Jeff T. Kemp, Mrs. Oxsheer Smith, Mrs. R. H. McIntosh, Mrs. T. S. Henderson, Mrs. Judd Davis, Mrs. J. C. Martin, Mrs. Rush Thomas, Mrs. Joe Denson, Mrs. George Graves, Mrs. A. J. Triggs, Mrs. Frank Lesovsky, Mrs. E. A. Flinn, Mrs. H. E. Garner, Mrs. E. A. Perrin, Mrs. Bill Hefley.

DIES ON HOLIDAY JAUNT

Bellaire, Ohio.—Michael Drydek, 19, with a half holiday, decided to spend it strolling through the woods. He was struck and killed by a falling tree.

Midnight Service At Church of All Saints Dec. 24th

Rev. J. P. Love, pastor of All Saints Episcopal Church in Cameron, has arranged a special service beginning at 11:30 p. m. Tuesday night December 24.

The Christmas eve service will find members of the church and all who wish to attend, at the dawn of the day of Christmas in worship.

“You are invited to come,” says the pastor, “and worship the Babe of Bethlehem on the anniversary of His birth.”

HOW LIFE IS SPENT

Nice, France.—According to a scientific committee, the average person who lives to be 70, spends 23 of his years asleep, 13 years talking, six years eating, 23 in pleasure and eighteen months bathing.

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Cameron, Texas

Farm Loans

Private Money to Loan at low interest rate on improved farm lands.

ROBBERS CURE HICCOUGH

San Jose, Calif.—So disgusted were hold up men because Ernest Stockton was unable to tell them where

the keys to the safe were because of a bad attack of hiccoughs, that they left. Stockton said the experience cured his hiccoughs though.



Greetings For Christmas and The New Year

We send to you—

the high regard in which we treasure your friendship and your loyal patronage . . . the good wishes we would like to convey in person . . .

and the hope that you may have a right Merry Christmas filled with all things good.

In the new year we want to continue to serve you. We are proud of the friends we have made, the new customers who came to our store in 1935 and the old ones who continued with us.

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Cameron, Texas



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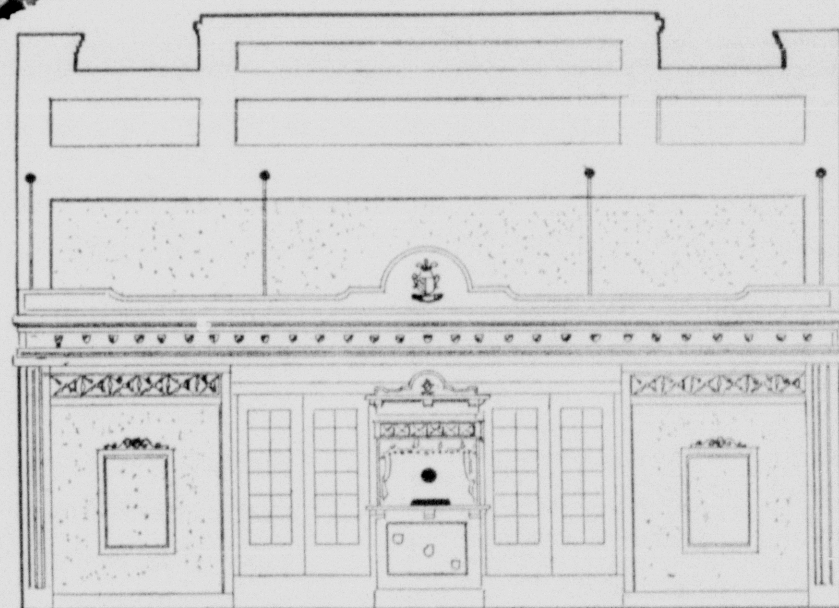
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The CAMERON THEATRE

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 and 25

“Mutiny on The Bounty”

Clark Gable, Chas. Laughton and Franchot Tone
Comedy and Cartoon

Thursday December 26

“MILLIONS IN THE AIR”

John Howard, Wendy Barrie

Friday and Saturday December 27 and 28

“THE LAST OUTPOST”

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‘A Night at The Opera’

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“WESTERN FRONTIER”

KEN MAYNARD





The Unposted Christmas Letter

Jocile Webb Pearson

THE gray day was settling into a gray night. A white mist obscured the pine covered hills and spread itself over the valley like a vast curtain shutting out familiar objects. The shriek of a locomotive sounded ghostly and unreal, as its glaring headlights pencilled the darkness for a moment and disappeared. The doorway of the little railway station was outlined in a blaze of light as the attendant entered.

Despite the chilling blanket of mist a campfire a few hundred yards down the track crackled and glowed cheerily, bringing into sharp relief the figures of a man and boy. The latter, seated on a log, gazed moodily into the fire as the pine boughs rapidly consumed. His headless face had the healthy tan of the open road, his clothing showed its neglect. The heavy shoes, soggy with the moist earth, steamed as the heat waves bent upon them, but he was unmindful of any discomfort.

The man was grizzled and weather stained, a typical person of the out-of-doors life. For the moment he was intent on arranging slices of bacon on a flattened piece of tin, later to be slid over the red coals where a can



A Campfire Brought Into Sharp Relief the Figures of a Man and Boy.

of bubbling coffee already sent out an appetizing odor. He worked deftly, as one long used to this method of preparing meals. Occasionally he cast anxious looks at the boy, as he turned the sizzling bacon and sandwiched it between thick slices of bread. With steady hand he poured the steaming coffee into separate cans, then called to the boy:

"Sit up, Jimmy! Ye must be starved after the day's tramp. Walkin' the rails is hard work, but we're not ones for stealing rides, we pay like gintlemen or walk, eh, lad?"

The boy started from his reverie. "Hitch hiking beats walking for rapid transit if you're in a hurry, Tim," Jimmy grinned. "Gee, that bacon smells great. I'm as hungry as a camp robber."

They ate in silence, each busy with his own thoughts. When the meal was finished, the man produced a short-stemmed pipe from an inner pocket of his heavy woodsman coat, filled it, crowding the tobacco in with his thumb; then stooping he scooped a live coal from the fire and puffed a moment in quiet satisfaction; watching the boy from under his shaggy eyebrows as he added fresh fagots to the dwindling blaze.

The boy, with hands thrust deep in his pockets, continued to move restlessly about. "Gee, Tim, this weather is getting on my nerves. We've had days of it. I'm beginning to want to see the sun again."

The old man laid aside his pipe. "Now, lad, suppose ye tell Tim all about it. What's botherin' ye—I've missed that whistle of yours. What's on yer mind?"

Jimmy resumed his seat on the log. "Oh, nothing much, Tim. I guess I'm sort of cuckoo tonight, just thinking—oh, shucks! It's nothing, anyway."

"Go on, lad, I'm listenin'."

A slow color mounted to the boy's face. "It's thinking of Christmas, Tim. It's only three days off, and—and I've never been away before. It doesn't matter, forget it." He hastily threw a pine bough into the fire.

"Three days, ye say, lad? An' me forgettin' it. Now, where'd ye say ye come from?"

"Iowa, Tim."

"Now, do tell, I been in Iowa meself, lad, but it's a long time ago—a long time. Ye're from a farm, mebbe?"

"No, Dad's no farmer. He's a carpenter, and got along fine till hard times struck—you know how things went."

"Sure I do," Tim supplemented, "An' there wasn't much work."

"That's right, Tim, and I wasn't keen on school. I wrote a note telling Mom and Dad not to worry about me—they have three more to look out for—and I hit the trail for the great Northwest."

Tim gave him a reassuring pat. "I see, lad. An' ye're fed up on an' sort of disappointed an' homesick?"

"I guess that's right, Tim. But, gosh, it was thinking of Christmas that got under my skin. They'll all be there but me. Nobody to get the tree—that

was my job. We always had one, even in the hardest times. Mom's a corker to manage. Doesn't Christmas get you, too, Tim? Haven't you folks somewhere you'd like to see?"

"Mebbe, lad, an' mebbe I'd be gladder to see them, than they me. Now this town, 'Podunk,' did you say it was?"

"No, I's Mobray, and the dandiest town—not so hot for size, but it has about everything a fellow needs there, and the best grid team in the county. Gee, Tim you ought to see them huskies go after that ball and smash the line—and the crowd roaring like mad, rooting for their teams." The eager look faded—he rose abruptly.

"Guess I'll be turning in. See you later."

"Sure, lad," Tim ignored the break in the conversation. "Better bank them pine boughs under that shed over there. This drizzle will likely be snow by mornin'. I've an errand of me own to do, but I'll be back in no time. Git yer rest whilst ye kin."

An hour later the boy was awakened by a hand on his shoulder, and Tim's voice calling: "Wake up, Jimmy, I wants to talk to ye."

Jimmy sat up, rubbing his eyes. "Okay, Tim, what's on your mind? Shoot."

Tim fumbled in his pocket and produced a bit of paper. "First I want to say Merry Christmas from Timothy Ryan to Mr. James Madden of Mobray, Iowa. Here it is—a ticket to ye're old home town. An' the fast train will pick ye up in exactly forty minutes. We got to get goin', lad."

"But Tim," Jimmy blinked the last bit of sleep from his eyes. He turned the paper over and over until he was convinced it was genuine. "I—I don't understand, Tim. How did you get this and where?"

Tim laughed merrily. "One at a time, lad. First: I got it over you at the little railway station where they sell tickets. Second, I paid fer it with money, earned money I laid by when work was good."

"That's fine of you, Tim, but I can't take your money. You need it for yourself."

"Sure ye kin, lad, an' there's enough left fer me—an' yer welcome to it. Ye see, Jimmy, I sort of tuk to ye the day we walked inter the loggin' camp just as they were closin' down for the winter an' we tuk the trail together. An' when ye talked of Christmas, an' sich, ye set me thinkin'. The gift is not fer you alone, but fer yer folks who misses ye more than ye know. Old Tim's made many a mistake, I says to myself, but this ain't one, an' mebbe it will help square some of the others."

He laid a gnarled hand on the boy's shoulder. "There's only one thing I'm askin', lad, an' that is: ye'll stay off the road. It's not fer the likes of ye. Go home an' finish yer schoolin'."

"You're right, Tim," Jimmy replied soberly. "I've come to realize that. You've helped me to see things differently, Tim. I've got a dandy idea." His face glowed with eagerness. "Go home with me. Mom and Dad would make you welcome; and you say you have money." But the old man shook his head. "No, no, lad, I bin on the road too long. I know yer folks wud be grand to me; much obliged to ye fer thinkin' of it—I'll be gettin' along where there's housin' quarters, an' mebbe a bit of work."

The eastbound train came to a stop. As the slender youth was climbing aboard, with a last handclasp, old Tim pressed a crumpled bill into his hand. "Ye must eat, lad, an' don't lose yer ticket. Don't forget ye're ridin' like a gintleman." The old man laughed, but there was an undertone of wistfulness.

Jimmy took the money. "I hadn't thought of eating, Tim. It is just that I'm going home. Home, Tim, and I owe it to you. I'll pay it back some



Tim Fumbled in His Pocket and Produced a Bit of Paper.

day—I'll tell Mom and Dad what a good pal you've been—and you promised to write. I'll be thinking of you Christmas."

"Thankee, lad, thankee. Tell yer folks howdy, an' Merry Christmas fer me."

The train roared away in the white fog. Old Tim watched till the red light disappeared and the rumble grew faint in the distance. He rubbed a moist hand across his brow. "An' he called me pal. 'Tis a fine lad he is, an' I'll be missin' him. Three days to Christmas; he'll make it." By the dim light from the station window, he pulled a worn purse from his pocket and emptied the few remaining coins into his hand. He shook his head slowly. Reaching into an inner pocket he drew forth a letter addressed to a small town in Iowa; slowly he read:

"Dear Tom: I been hankerin' to see ye an' the old home agin. I'll be comin' fer Christmas. Yer brother Tim."

He tore the letter into bits. "I'll worth it," he said. "The lad will be home fer Christmas."

Old Tim smiled happily as he tripped back to camp.

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The Gift Custom

Is the custom of giving gifts at Christmas likely to be permanent? Some years ago, there was a nationwide protest against what were called useless gifts. Many of these gifts were said to be a kind of trade, where people swapped about the same value each year. The idea was held that many people would like to quit giving such presents, only they did not wish to give the impression that their friends had cooled off. It was said that when people give gifts that do not represent real affection, a heavy strain is imposed on the finances, and that many people spend more than they should from mistaken sense of obligation.

Also it was complained that many persons, particularly women, wear themselves all out Christmas time, as the result of their long Christmas lists. They spend so much time hunting presents and selecting suitable cards, that they are nearly sick at the time of the holiday, which is supposed to bring peace and happiness.

In most respects the gift custom is one of our most beautiful habits. Let us keep it up. On 364 days in the year we hustle for ourselves, but on this one day we decided that we must do something for other people. The idea should be spread over more of the year. But it seems a wrong thing for people to spend large sums on costly presents for people who already have everything they need, and overlook destitute folks who would appreciate a good dinner and some warm clothing.

Holiday Greetings

Some folks can't see much use in the millions of post cards that are sent out to convey the greetings of the holiday season. They think that people receive such a mass of these printed messages and pretty pictures that they pay little attention to any of them, so that the whole thing represents a waste of money and effort.

But friendship is a precious thing, and it is something that has to be renewed from time to time. You can't go off and leave it and even exercise any of its activities and expect it to survive. The years pass by silently and swiftly, and people can see that much has dropped out of their lives. Friends with whom you once felt a close tie have become mere acquaintances.

The little greeting card is one means of bridging this chasm. When you receive one from some friend who lives far away, it proves that person has not forgotten you. You know that in that mind there is little corner where memories of you still live.

It is a kind of heart-warming experience to look over these souvenirs, and think of the days gone by, and to feel that these relations left their impressions behind them, and that these impressions still live.

The boss of the family is the one that doesn't go home with an alibi when a fender gets crumpled.

Good citizens are those who hate crime and think the paper dull if there is nothing dreadful to report.

The Greatest Birthday

In all the gaiety of the Christmas season, in all the giving of gifts, in all the social gatherings, may not the real meaning of the day be too often forgotten? May there not be too much thought of the Tree and too little of the Crib? To say this is not to ignore the spirit expressed in the traditional greeting, "Merry Christmas." Let black care cease to ride behind the horsemen for at least one day of the year. The oldest must have something of youth at such a moment. For it is the birthday of a child which we celebrate—the greatest birthday in the world.

There can be no real Christmas, then, without His pervasive presence. It is not enough to believe in "the enduring power, not ourselves, which makes for righteousness." One can not worship an abstraction. If the time be "hallowed and gracious," the Person of our Lord makes it so.

Christmas without Christ is a contradiction in terms. Even our secular observances derive from and depend

upon the religious. "On earth peace, good will towards men"—this was not the feeling of "that hard pagan world," and modern paganism can not inspire it. All the earth has changed since a Mother bore her divine Infant in a stable, "because there was no room for them in the inn."

No indifference to its fundamental significance can transform the character of Christmas. Methods of celebrating it may have changed during all these centuries, but the substance remains the same. When through all the air there sweep the notes of the old Latin hymn, the world still thrills to its strains.

"A great and mighty wonder, A full and holy cure."

How can one fail to hear the strains that come "calm on the listening ear of night?"

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At The Cameron Theatre

December 29 and 30

NEW YEAR'S and PUBLICITY by Luella B. Lyons

"YES, Margie dear, you are looking at half a million geraniums that will be bursting into bloom one of these days and as far as I know, you and I and maybe a few folks here in Boone will see them. No advance orders for them"; and Bob Marchant's face was the picture of woe.

"But you only tried selling them the order in one city, Bob," Margie reminded him.



"It Worked, Bob—My Plan Worked!" She Exclaimed.

"Darling, this is New Year's day and a time for making fresh starts. I've an idea for getting an order for the whole lot and to Ripleys at that, but don't ask me what—just trust me and hope for the New Year changing our luck, darling!"

That evening Margie spent an hour or so over a letter which she addressed to the "People Say This" department of the Crandall newspaper.

The next day Margie insisted on hanging around the green house until Bob nearly went mad with her persistence. Then a long distance call did come through from the buyer at Ripley Brothers' store.

"Marchant, say, have you still, by any chance, got that prospect of half a million geraniums, and can you be sure to have them ready on a day we will later specify—in full bloom by then? We've just picked up a rip roaring idea for decorating the outside of the store with them this spring and here's hoping to high heaven we can still engage them at that date. Name your own price."

Bob, happy as a lark, scarcely knew the buyer had broken the connection for Margie was dancing about wildly yelling—"It worked, Bob—my plan worked!"

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Court House News

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John F. Burgers and Mrs. Sallie Burgers.

Tom Brannon and Agnes Mae Frith.

George Jenkins and Pary Lou Hale.

DEED RECORDS

Milton Rosemond to H. F. Smith, 50 acres of the J. K. McLerran league \$35.71.

Martha Stidman et vir to H. F. Smith, 50 acres of the J. K. McLennan league \$35.71.

Lizzie Stoner et vir to H. F. Smith, 50 acres of the J. K. McLennan league \$35.71.

Thelie Miller et ux to H. F. Smith undivided 1-14 interest in 50 acres of the J. K. McLennan league, \$35.71.

Louanna Lott to H. F. Smith undivided 1-14 interest in 50 acres of the J. K. McLennan league \$37.51.

Mrs. Leileh T. Holland to J. F. Gibbs 227 acres of the Joseph Gottle survey \$500.00 and other valuable considerations.

San Antonio Jiont Stock Land Bank of San Antonio to Wilmot Schiller, 100 acres of the James A. Bradford grant \$5,000.00.

James West et al to W. I. Skinner 86 acres of the James A. Prewitt survey, \$1.00 and other valuable considerations.

S. D. West et al to W. I. Skinner 86 acres of the James A. Prewitt survey \$75.00.

J. T. West et ux to W. I. Skinner 86 acres of land out of the James A. Prewitt league \$118.75.

Lillie B. Blackwell to W. I. Skinner 86 acres of the Jas. A. Pruitt grant, \$5.00.

R. W. Graves et ux to T. S. Barkley 446 acres of land out of the Jackson Hall grant \$10.00 and other valuable considerations.

Nancy Dickens et vir to H. F. Smith 50 acres of the J. K. McLennan league \$35.71.

J. R. Smith et ux to Chas. R. Duncan 98 468-5645 acres of the J. J.

Acosta grant, \$10 and other considerations.

Mrs. Annie Poe to Mrs. Robbit Harrison, et al, north one-half of S. W. quarter of block 3, 135 by 67 1-2 feet in the Charles Michalk addition to the town of Thorndale \$10.00.

G. H. Kincaid to Lillian Kincaid 901 acres of the S. P. Carson and J. R. Stephens grant, \$1.00 and other considerations.

J. H. Thomas, trustee, to F. B. Burke, 133 acres of the F. Rodriguez grant \$550.00.

Mary Schigut to R. Fuller 63 1-2 feet in Terrell's Addition ti city of Cameron, \$800.00.

H. R. Wewhinney et ux to W. B. Cryer 80 acres of the Joel Moore league \$850.00.

John Urban et ux to O. C. Thaler, part of block 15 of the Mary Michalk second addition to town of Thorndale \$100.00.

Thorndale State Bank to L. M. Worley lot 2 in block 23 in townof Thorndale, \$690.00.

Eva Blinka to Teresa Hyer one acre of the Thomas Curry league in town of Buckholts, \$1 and other considerations.

W. Taegal et ux to Chester A. Keeton et ux 65 96-100 acres of the Chas Crones survey, \$1.00 and other considerations.

Q. L. Cryer et ux to W. R. Cryer, 47 acres of the Joe Moore league \$1,750.00.

E. A. Camp et ux to W. I. Skinner part of block No. 32 of the Smith-Ackerman and Green addition to City of Rockdale, \$2,400.00.

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"Margie darling, I've just had one grand and glorious shock but I'm not fool enough to think I earned it. I know the answer, so spill the first half of the story, honey—quick!"

"Bob dear, I wrote in to that column as though I was some great landscape artist. They published the letter and Ripleys took the suggestion to heart. You see, I said it was a shame that the stores out here in this section of the country didn't ape the big stores where I hailed from, decorating every window of their stores with window boxes piled high with gaudy red geraniums through the spring months and summer, too, and with green and red everlasting shrubs the winter through—just like so many do in France. I went into detail even, but that doesn't matter now. They took it to heart, engaged your whole crop just so you and I can take our "geranium honeymoon!"

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PROBATE COURT

J. F. Plsek was appointed guardian of the person and estate of Mary Plsek who was found upon evidence to be non compos mentis on account of extreme age, Joe Reznice, Hubert Marak and Rudolph Marak appointed appraisors, Dec. 17, 1935. Bond fixed with Frances Marek, Hubert Marek and Joe Renizek sureties. Also inventory appraisal approved.

OIL AND GAS LEASES

C. P. Bankston to Victoria E. Danzek, 50 acres of the A. T. Mile survey, \$10.00.

H. H. Coffield to Victoria E. Danzek 103 acres of the Eliza Sante grant \$10.00.

NEW AUTOS REGISTERED

Ray Duckworth, Cameron, Standard Chevrolet Coach.

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Mrs. Katie Williams, Rockdale, Chevrolet Master Sedan.

Ray Casey, Cameron, Ford Tudor.

John Muse, Cameron, Chevrolet Standard Town Sedan.

John Buniva, Rockdale, Ford Coupe.

Miss Bertie Smith, Rockdale, Plymouth Fordor Sedan.

W. A. Jones, Minerva, Ford Four Door Sedan.

Ellis Coker, Cameron, Terraplane

Brougham.

W. C. Wiese, Cameron, Ford Standard Sedan.

Eddie Noak, Rockdale, Master Chevrolet Sedan.

Kenneth McWilliams, Rockdale, Chevrolet Master Sedan.

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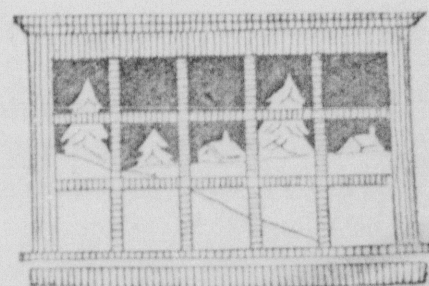
LALLA MEYERS



And Happy New Year To You

Greetings on your arrival in the happy harbor of Christmas. May much good cheer await you at this pleasant port and as you set out on time's tide for the future may your ship find each day a rolling billow to drive her o'er a prosperous sea of health and plenty.

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OUR TOWN

(Continued from page 1)

Not only is a nice calendar a pretty gift, but it stirs thoughts of all those 365 days which we hope are to be ours. What a wonderful thing it is to have 365 days, in the freedom of American life, in which you can do what you want to!

Some of us will say that we are not thus free, that those 365 days are so full of hard work, that we are not masters of all those sunrises and sunsets. But the people who have to work are not the ones to be pitied. The ones who lack it should have the sympathy.

In even one day, we may find new wisdom that shall elevate our lives, some new opportunity to make the work of our hands more profitable, we may bring happiness to some child or adult. If we are permitted to enjoy those 365 days of the calendar, they are a gift of the gods.

Some people seem to have natural tact, and some blurt out the truth.

A New York court listening to a slander suit concluded it is all right if Mayor LaGuardia called the plaintiff a "bum," the bum.

A movement is on in England to discover the man who invented the collar stud. If he has led a clean life since, we don't believe this should be pressed.

The Old Year's Evensong

Let us forgive and forget,
Ere the chanting of evensong;
The night is too long and too deep
For one who hath suffered a wrong,
A grudge to keep
After the sun has set.

Let us forget and forgive,
While the wound to our pride is red;
Lest the warmth in our soul grow cold,
And words which we fain would have said
Be yet untold,
And hate forever live.

Hate is the weapon of fear,
But love is the sword of the brave;
Forgiving—the song of a king,
And grudging—the dirge of a knave.
Which will we sing
Throughout the glad New Year?

—Charles Junken Benedict.

Nation's Business Outlook Is Good

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Secretary Roper sounded a cheerful Christmas note tonight with a report that "available evidence" indicates the nation's net business losses were "almost completely eliminated" in 1935.

His estimate for the current calendar year, compared with net business losses of \$10,000,000,000 in 1932 and about \$2,500,000,000 in 1934, was included in his annual report for the 1935 fiscal year ending last June 30. The Commerce Department head called the last fiscal year the second of "sustained recovery from depression," and added that perhaps its outstanding feature "was the better balanced relationship established in our whole national economy, following the irregular improvements which characterized the preceding year."

Estimating the national income for the 1934 calendar year at \$49,440,000,000, an increase of 5,000,000,444 or 11 per cent over the preceding year, Roper said:

"At the present time, sufficient data are available to estimate the current trend of national income with reasonable accuracy. On the basis of these data, it is estimated the nation-

al income paid out during the first half of the calendar year 1935 was between 5 and 10 per cent higher than the corresponding period of 1934."

News From Sharpe

"Dear" Season Opens in Sharp Soon

The "Dear" season will open soon around Sharpe. But, beware, young men, and do not get down dad's old gun, but treat him right and try using his automobile, for it isn't deer season, but "dear" season. Next year is leap year, and we are sure that it will be "dear" season. That is if the ladies of Sharpe take care of the bashful men.

Schools Give Christmas Program

The Sharp School had its regular Christmas program December 20th. Old Santa made it down to Sharp also. The youngsters were very glad to see the old gent.

FOR SALE—About 10 head of Shetland pony colts, \$15 to \$20 each. Very suitable for Christmas presents for children. R. L. Batte.



"NOT a cent to spare for gifts this year, Clare dear. I'm sorry," Mrs. Jordan told her daughter shortly before Christmas. "We can afford cards, though, so you figure up how many you have to send and I'll get them when I go to the store tomorrow."

No gifts, and yet there was money for greeting cards. Well, why not spring a surprise on all of them. Yes, that would work and it would be a grand surprise and yet heaps of fun, too.

"No, I don't want any greeting cards, mother, but if you'll just get me a dozen stamped envelopes instead, I'll be all set for Christmas."

"Well, I must say you take this like a good sport and you are easy to please, but you might let me in on this secret, child!"

"Nope, it wouldn't be a secret then," she sent back, smiling with her knowledge.

Granny Hitchcock, over on the corner, was the first always on her Christmas list. "My Christmas gift to you



"Nope, it wouldn't be secret then," she sent back.

this year is—my promise to come to read to you once every week in the new year and I'll write your letters, too, on that same day each week." The envelope sealed completed the wrapping of that gift. The next on the list was the garage mechanic's wife.

"Dear Mrs. Simmons: My Christmas gift to you this year is my promise to stay with and keep Buddy after school, one day each month—the day the Mothers' club meets from 4:30 to 6:00. You won't have to hire any one on those occasions."

There was a promise to Mina Hillman that Clare and some of her classmates would come down and recite their pieces and sing some of their songs for the next school show, as long as Mina's broken leg kept her home and abed. So on till there were 12 easy, willing promises made.

"Other folks will be thanked just once during the year, but I'll be seeing folks smile and hear them saying 'thanks,' and know they really mean it, the whole year long. Money presents cheat the givers out of a lot of fun, that's sure," she reminisced.

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Classified Ads

FOR SALE—Big bone Naraganset Turkeys, imported stock each year. In Milam county, \$5 for toms; \$3 for hens. H. L. Atkinson, Maysfield, Texas. 5tp

FOR RENT—Good two story home, Hefley Heights. All conveniences and out buildings. Large lot. Phone 256. Mrs. W. E. Gaither. 4t

FARM FOR SALE—115 acres, two miles northwest of Westphalia. Mrs. L. Wunsch, Burlington, Tex.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Wagon, Riding Cultivator, Sulky Plow. J. T. Krull, R. 3, Cameron. 3t-p

FARM FOR SALE—80 acres 5½ miles east of Cameron, good land, good improvements. Will sell worth the money. A good opportunity. J. L. Barmore, Cameron, Texas.

FOR RENT—Good sandy loam Farm, Milano road. J. F. Grass, Pringle Hotel. 2tp

Girl's Bicycle for sale. Miss Lucille Dickard, Telephone 257.

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NEW POLL TAX LAW EXPLAINED BY BONDS

Bill Alex Bonds, Tax Assessor and Collector, gives the following explanation of the new law affecting poll tax exemptions.

The law, passed by the legislature recently to go into effect with the payment of current poll taxes, requires certain groups of voters who are exempt from poll taxes to secure certificates certifying that exemption from the county tax assessor-collector before they may vote under the poll tax exemption law.

Several classes of persons are exempt from payment of taxes but will need certificates of exemption if they are to vote after February 1, 1936. Persons who become 21 years of age during the year preceeding January 1, 1936, will need certificates as will the following other classes: Persons who are deaf and, or dumb; persons who are blind in both eyes; persons who are permanently disabled (with the decision of these cases resting with the county attorney); all persons who have lost a limb such as a foot or hand, an arm or leg.

Persons over 60 years of age are not required in this county to have certificates under the new law.

B. Y. P. U. SOCIAL

On Friday night members of the two Senior BYPU organizations, the Kagawa and Builders, enjoyed a social in the form of a "Treasure Hunt," which began at the Baptist church, where the first clue was received.

After the finding of the treasure, a box of Baby Ruths, the group gathered at the home of Miss Alice Fanning, president of the Kagawa where refreshments of hot chocolate, sandwiches and cookies were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Howard are sponsors of the Builders and Mr. and Mrs. Barton Brown, sponsors of the Kagawa.

What's the use? The smarter you are the more you suffer as you watch the boss wreck the business.

"Let the new blood take a hand," cries a slightly mixed orator in Boston. But our favorite is still Senator Nye's proposal that barnacles be unhorsed.

A critic denounces the New Deal as "government by anesthesia." Reports from the recent industrial conference show many tycoons out of the ether.

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Midnight Service At Church of All Saints Dec. 24th

Rev. J. P. Love, pastor of All Saints Episcopal Church in Cameron, has arranged a special service beginning at 11:30 p. m. Tuesday night December 24.

The Christmas eve service will find

members of the church and all who wish to attend, at the dawn of the day of Christmas in worship.

"You are invited to come," says the pastor, "and worship the Babe of Bethlehem on the anniversary of His birth."

Christmas Gifts for every member of the family. Ruth Mayfield's Shop.

FIRE TRUCK STOLEN

Kaw City, Oklahoma.—This city's fire department was badly crippled recently when thieves took its fire truck.

Reports of twenty per cent increase in Christmas business over last year leave no doubt that Santa Claus did his part.

New Year

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usually been made for offices along in early January and sometimes in December.

After the July primary is held there follows the August run off primary election to settle all contested races as a majority system operates. The county convention for state party purposes is held on Saturday following the July Primary when delegates are named to the state convention to nominate a governor and state candidates.

In November will be held the general election at which time a president and vice president is elected together with all other officials of county, state and nation.

Business was generally appreciative of the possibilities of much more stable conditions. Business men here see a guarantee farm income through government aid. It will not be possible to have a total failure as long as the subsidies are paid. The amount of money derived from government rentals and subsidies will amount to almost half a normal crop yield, it was pointed out.

There was a definite uplift in the outlook here for many reasons. One of the big assets for the New Year will be the Cheese Plant to be placed here by the Kraft-Phoenix Corporation. A definite income to farms from this source is guaranteed for the coming year.

Credits were to be easy and with greater confidence restored things were looking up generally for Cameron and Milam county.

Marx Brothers

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ic and stage an opera in New York that has the city on its ear.

It is an opera such as has never been seen before, as the Marxes become matchmakers to further the romance of two unknown opera singers.

Original comedy, sparkling dialogue, delightful opera and, of course M-G-M's madmen, the Marx Brothers, vie the funniest, most delightful funfest that has come to the screen for some time.

Have Fine Support

Supporting the Marxes, in addition to Jones and Miss Carlisle, who are perfectly cast as the young lovers, are Walter King, who also has a fine singing role, Seigfried Rumann, Margaret Dumont, Edward Keane and Robert Emmet O'Connor. Sam Wood, who has directed more than forty feature films, must be credited with a job well done.

MARRIED

Miss Vades Rawlings and Horris Stracner of Buckholts were married in Cameron on Saturday. County Judge Jeff T. Kemp performed the ceremony. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stracner are members of prominent families of the Buckholts community.

GIRL, 4, BLEEDS TO DEATH

Graettinger, Iowa.—While playing with scissors at her home, little Joan McDonald, 4, fell plunging them into her throat. Her jugular vein was severed and she bled to death before aid could be summoned.

Emil Ruzicka Dies At Bryant Station

The Herald wishes to correct certain errors in the report last week of the death of Emil Ruzicka who died at 8 a. m. Sunday in the home of his father near Bryant Station.

It was reported that he had died from poison self inflicted. This, according to relatives, does not represent the facts in the case.

Emil became ill on Saturday preceding his death on Sunday and was brought to Cameron for medical treatment. He was taken to his home and the doctor was called to see him again in the night of Saturday.

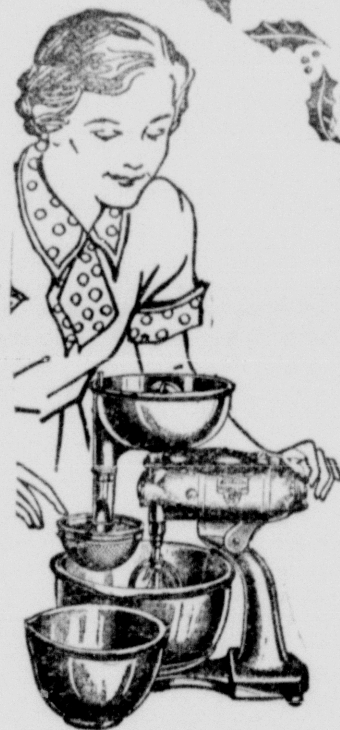
He had been in Galveston working during the longshoremen's strike and believed he was suffering from meningitis. He was also believed to have been suffering from poison and believed he would not survive. He died in the presence of his family. There was no inquest in the home as reported. He was 23 years old, the son of Julius Ruzicka and was born and reared in the county. He had suffered some from a weak heart. His was the fifth death in the family in the last 15 years.

He is survived by his father, one brother, J. D. Ruzicka, two sisters, Mrs. Pete Orsag and Miss Lillie Ruzicka. His mother died three years ago.

CEILING SHOWERS BRIDE

Pound, Wis.—The Sexton rang the wedding bells so vigorously at a recent wedding, that the bride was showered by plaster which fell from the walls and ceiling of the old church.

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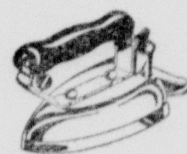
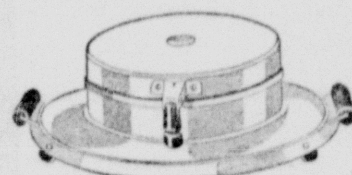


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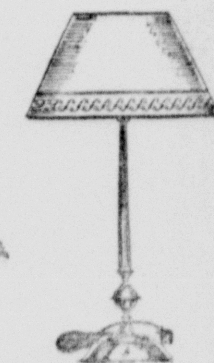
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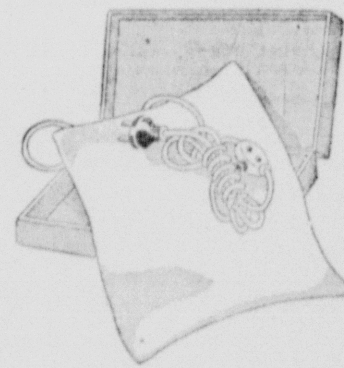
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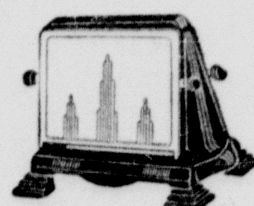
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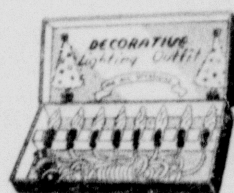
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Supply and Demand To Govern Price of Cotton Says County Board Man

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1938, 1939, continued.

Low Price Ruinous

Mr. Graves recalled how many farmers were forced to mortgage their farms following the bumper crops of 1904, 1908, 1914, 1920, 1926 and 1931 when the supply of cotton greatly exceeded the demand, resulting in ruinously low prices. He said that before the mortgage could be paid off following a period of overproduction and low prices would develop. As a consequence, farm buildings and equipment were allowed to run down, cotton acreage was reduced because many farmers could not finance their usual size crops, necessity thus bringing about adjustment.

The adjustment was long drawn out, Mr. Graves said, and it frequently was accompanied by distress on the farm. However, he pointed out, some farmers who were in bitter financial circumstances grew their usual acreage or even expanded it and benefitted by the reduction forced upon those who were least able to carry the burden.

Business men in Milam county also suffered losses during the years of bumper crops and accompanying low prices, Mr. Graves said, and store sales declined and credit was hard to get at the bank. Schools ran short terms and business generally was bad.

Farmers Learning

He pointed out that cotton farmers

are learning more about the law of supply and demand; that they are learning to adjust the supply to the demand, a practice that business men have been following for years. He stressed the fact that farmers have used the machinery of government for the last three years to adjust production and supply of cotton to the demand for it. This machinery has taken the form of adjustment contract with adjustment payments; bringing the farm income from cotton near the comparative level of the prices farmers pay for non-farm-produced goods. This is the only practical offset to the practice that manufacturers have followed for years adjusting production and maintaining their prices often under the protection of high tariffs.

Supply and Demand

Mr. Graves called attention to the fact that law of supply and demand was recognized when Congress declared that it was the policy of the Agricultural Adjustment Act to balance the production of agricultural commodities to the demand for such commodities, so as to command fair prices to the producer for them. He stated that efforts at such adjustment had practically doubled the price of cotton since 1932, the last year before cotton adjustment programs were instituted, and further emphasized the need for continued adjustment.

Tabby Brought Kittens Into Christmas Manger

THE celebration with the Christmas tree that touched the ceiling and had a manger beneath it, was over, and a row of little stockings were hanging for Santa Claus. Mother had just tucked the happy children into bed and by the soft glow of the nursery Christmas tree was singing Christmas carols to them.

Father was about to turn off the lights below and lock the door for the evening when he heard a faint "meow" from the cold darkness without. Upon opening the door he saw a forlorn, bedraggled tabby cat almost frozen in the Christmas snow.

"Why, you poor creature," spoke father tenderly, "come in this very minute!" For some moments father was busy making tabby comfortable. He found some milk which he warmed, and plenty of holiday food. He served kitty with generous portions of Christmas repast and then provided a soft bed in the corner, with a cushion from his own easy chair. Tabby showed her appreciation by purring and purring louder than father had ever heard a cat purr before.

Satisfied and delighted with his Christmas guest, father retired, grinning and wondering what the family would say in the morning.

Christmas morning the happy family entered the living room—the children rushing ahead, bearing their bulging stockings and shouting with laughter. "Oh, look at the manger!" cried mother with surprise.

"Merry Christmas!" retorted father, trying to keep from bursting out laughing.

Tabby had selected the soft straw of the manger as a fitting birthplace for her litter of Christmas kittens.—Alice B. Palmer.

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Her Christmas Present Was a Lovely Daughte

MRS. BURKE wept a little as she trimmed the Christmas tree. "This will be the last time," she thought. "Next Christmas I'll be all alone in the world."

Her son whistled as he shaved. "Getting dolled up," his mother thought. "All for that girl!" She held a bright bulb aloft as though she must dash it to the floor, thought better of it, and hung it on the tree.

"Ready, mother? I'll drop you at church on the way over to Dorothy's."

"In just a minute, son." Oh, my son, my son, why must you leave me? Your first Christmas seems only yesterday.

The beautiful old anthems filled the church. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son—" The text: "More blessed to give than to receive." Sacrifice. I must give up my son. His happiness means more than mine.

They were waiting for her in front of the church, young and happy. "Say, mother, Dorothy—"

"I couldn't have you spending Christmas alone, Mrs. Burke. We're all going out and celebrate. You see—my brother got married last summer, and I know just how we felt; that we were losing him, and so forth. But I really gained a dear sister, and so I want you to be just my other mother, and think of us both as your children."

Joy swept back into Mrs. Burke's heart.

"Such a wonderful Christmas present!" she cried. "A daughter!"—Helen Gaisford.

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TOYS CHILDREN LIKE

A COMPREHENSIVE survey leads to the conclusion that building blocks are the favorite toy for children up to the age of seven. Drawing and painting materials rank high. With little girls, dolls and housekeeping equipment are favorites. Sand and clay for modeling retain the interest of most children. Mechanical toys, on the other hand, are soon discarded. Adults usually enjoy the mechanical toys more than the children for whom they are purchased.

Carver's Language

Few people are aware that such a pleasant Yuletide task as carving has a language of its own, which has nothing to do with exasperation. Forgetting for a moment the ubiquitous turkey, which apparently is only "carved," an expert cites the following terms as appropriate to the occasion: Alay a pheasant, Chine a salmon, Mince a plover, Barb a lobster, Lift a swan, Spall a hen, Unbrace a duck, Disfigure a peacock, Dismember a heron, Thigh a woodcock, and Tame a crab. In the Middle Ages, when most of these picturesque terms were evolved, herons, being as common as starlings today, were a favorite Christmas dish amongst the poor; while the rich granted the peacock the place of honor at their banquets.—London Tit-Bits Magazine.

Blooms at Christmas Time

According to tradition the famous thorn at Glastonbury Cathedral was brought and planted there by Joseph of Arimathea and was part of the crown of thorns which was pressed upon the brow of Christ. According to tradition it blooms at Christmas time and the possession of a piece is said to insure good fortune through the year.

News From Salem

(By the Sixth Grade)

Mr. and Mrs. Otha Byrd and children visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wells Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hrozek and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Krenek at Maraksville Sunday.

Mr. Goodhue Rogers made a business trip to Tracy Sunday.

Those who visited Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wells Sunday were Mr. Frank Wells, Mrs. Ann Author and her daughters, Lucille, Floye and Jo Arthur.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Nabours and Hilry visitor Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Jackson of Ad Hall Sunday.

Viola Horlica and J. Y. Houston went to Temple on a visit Sunday.

Mrs. A. J. Byrd is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jim Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Griffith visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wells last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Edmonds visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George V. Mabry last week.

SHERIFF'S SALE

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF MILAM.

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Milam County, on the 3rd day of December, 1935, by the Clerk to-wit:

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land out of the B. W. Holtzclaw grant, Milam county, Texas, conveyed by W. B. Minor to Mrs. Mary E. Denson by deed dated July 7, 1930, recorded in Vol. 190, Page 25 Deed

Records Milam County, Texas, and described as follows: Beginning at thereof, in the case of the Citizens National Bank, Cameron, Texas, versus W. B. Minor and Mary E. Denson, feme solo, No. 11,290, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the FIRST TUESDAY IN JANUARY, A. D., 1936, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Milam County, in the City of Cameron, the following described property, the S. W. Cor. of original Martha Sanford 923 acres; THENCE N. 20 E. 402 vrs, iron stake for N. W. corner; THENCE S. 70 E. 3164 vrs. to N. E. Corner on W. Bank San Gabriel River; THENCE up said River to S. E. Corner of said 923 acres; Thence 7 N. 70 W. 3312 vrs. to begin ning, and containing 230 2-3 acres and being the same as the south one half of that certain tract of land which was surveyed by Henderson Walker, County Surveyor of Milam county, Texas on July 3, 1930, levied upon as the property of Mrs. Mary E. Denson;

Also: 30 2-3 acres of land out of said Holtzclaw grant and out of the

230 2-3 acres conveyed by Mrs. Mary E. Denson to W. B. Minor by deed dated July 20, 1930, recorded in Vol. 198 page 26 Deed Records Milam County, Texas, levied upon as the property of W. B. Minor, and described as follows: Being all of said land conveyed said Minor except his homestead of 200 acres designated by him. Levied on as the property of W. B. Minor and Mrs. Mary E. Denson, feme solo, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$4061.00 in favor of The Citizens National Bank, Cameron, Texas, and cost of suit.

Given under my hand, this 3rd day of December, 1935.

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3tc By D. B. Bunn, Deputy.

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The Knights of Pythias, Masons, American Legion, Odd Fellows, Knights of Columbus and Lions Club will sponsor the Christmas Cheer for the poor children again this year—children who would not have any Christmas otherwise.

We hope there has not been a child left out. If you are not expecting Santa this Christmas and have not been called on by one of the committee, please call Mr. and Mrs. McLean at telephone 765 of Mrs. J. P. Love at 398.

WATCHMAN CRUSHED

Golden, Colo.—James North, 55, failed to heed his own warning. Placed as a watchman to warn passersby against the dangers of falling rocks from the mountainside, he apparently became paralyzed with fear on hearing a great rock as it made a 200 foot plunge and was unable to get out of the three ton boulder.

CIGARETTE CAUSES ALCOHOL EXPLOSION

Baltimore, Md.—Millard Ernst, 28 year old automobile mechanic, was preparing to smell an automobile radiator. Forgetting the lighted cigarette he held in his mouth, he leaned over the radiator. The cigarette ignited the alcohol in the radiator and Ernst was badly burned about the face.

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T. E. NEELY, PIONEER AT ROCKDALE, DEAD

T. E. (Tom) Neely, age 70, died suddenly about 8 o'clock Wednesday morning while seated in the office of his brother-in-law, Hugo McCawley, in the business district.

Mr. Neely had come to town early, expecting to make a trip to Houston with a truck load of turkeys, and sat down by the fire to await the arrival of the truck. He had hardly seated himself when he fell out of his chair, death being practically instantaneous and due to apoplexy, according to attending physicians.

Mr. Neely was born in Tallehasse, Alabama, on February 14, 1865. He had been a citizen of Rockdale for about 35 years. He is survived by his mother, who had made her home with him all these years; two brothers—Will and John Neely of Rockdale; and six sisters as follows: Mrs. Italia Johnston, Waco; Mrs. Emma Snively, Mrs. Tom Marrs, Mrs. Rosy Curlee, Mrs. August Evard and Mrs. Hugo McCawley, all of Rockdale.

Funeral services were conducted at the family residence at 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, by Rev. P. S. Wilson, pastor of the local Methodist church, assisted by Rev. J. Coy Williams of Cameron. Interment followed in Oak Lawn cemetery.—Rockdale Reporter.



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AS ROSS HUTTON finished telling his little daughter the story of Christmas, of the shepherds and the Christ child, and had as tactfully as possible explained about Santa Claus, Polly heaved a sigh. "Well, I think there's a Santa Claus and I hope he brings me a sheep like the ones in the story."

The day before Christmas, Ross saw a white woolly lamb in the window of a toy shop. He was glad he had walked to his office. Otherwise he might not have seen the lamb. He would stop on his way home and get it. But one of the men in the office offered to drive him home, so the lamb was forgotten until he heard Polly as she was being put to bed tell her mother she hoped "Santy" wouldn't forget about the "sheep." Ross looked at his watch and decided the shop would probably still be open. Anne called to him to ask where he was going, and he answered, "Back in a few minutes."

When he parked his car before the shop, the thought that the lamb might not be there, struck him for the first time. He felt much relieved, therefore, when he saw the lamb in the window.

As he tucked the package under his arm and turned to leave the shop, a



Santa Claus Had Brought Her a Sheep and a Baby Doll.

little boy came in. Ross heard him ask the proprietor if he still had the lamb that was in the window that morning. He was told the gentleman just leaving had bought it. "Oh," the disappointment he felt showed in his voice. Wasn't there something else he would like? But there didn't seem to be anything else.

As he got into his car Ross caught sight of a small boy standing before the window, his gaze fastened on the place where the lamb had been. He seemed so disappointed, it was too bad there wasn't another lamb for him. Ross thought as he drove away. But probably something else would catch his fancy and he would forget all about the lamb. Children were like that. Ross wondered though if Polly would have forgotten so easily. He scarcely thought so. The poor little thing would have been mightily disappointed. He was glad he had remembered before it was too late.

But try as he would he couldn't get the picture of the little fellow out of his mind. Halfway home he turned his car around and went back to the shop. The boy had left, so Ross asked the proprietor if he could tell him where the boy lived. He lived just around the corner. He often came into the shop. Tonight he had come to buy the little lamb for his small sister, and was so disappointed when he found it gone. The proprietor had tried to interest him in something else, but he hadn't been successful in doing it. Ross interrupted to know in just which house the boy lived. Then in order to have some satisfactory excuse to offer at home, he bought a baby doll for Polly.

When somewhat later he came into the living room where Anne was busy trimming the Christmas tree, she wanted to know where on earth he had been. He shook his head and put his finger to his lips as a warning not to waken Polly. He placed the package under the tree and with a happy smile he began helping with the work of trimming.

The next morning he was awakened by Polly's happy cry that she knew there was a "Santy Claus" because he had brought her a "sheep" and a baby doll just as she asked him to. Ross sprang out of bed and into the living room. Where could the "sheep" have come from? For there was Polly with a lamb under one arm and the doll under the other.

"Where?" Ross asked, pointing to the lamb. Anne whispered that she had bought it.

"There is a Santa Claus, isn't there, Daddy?" Polly's voice implied she was giving information rather than asking it.

Ross heartily agreed with her: "There certainly is a Santa Claus beyond a doubt."

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Christmas Boxes

Giving Christmas boxes is said to spring from an old custom of priests putting on board of all out-going ships boxes for alms. These were opened at Christmastime and masses said for the givers of the alms. The box was called Christ mass box and from this comes the custom of Christmas boxes and gifts.

Miss Maxine Tarver Becomes Bride of Walter Hugh Walker At College Station

Announcement of the marriage of Miss Maxine Tarver of Ben Arnold to Walter Hugh Walker of College Station has been made in this city. They were married at College Station on November 28 at 7 p. m. by Rev. R. L. Jackson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, College Station, at the Jackson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bridges of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Michael of College Station and Jack Chase, room mate of the groom.

For the marriage ceremony the bride was becomingly dressed in a brown suit with touches of green and wore a corsage of statice and pom-pom.

Mrs. Walker is the daughter of F. C. Tarver of Ben Arnold. She was born in McAlister, Oklahoma, but graduated from the high school at Borger, then completed a business course in Waco at Toby's Business College. Later they moved to Cameron where Mr. Tarver was engaged in the insurance business for four years with his daughter being assistant. During the early part of this year, Mrs. Walker was employed in the office of the Brazos Mutual Life Insurance Company in Bryan.

The groom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Walker of Dallas. He was reared in that city by his brother, Ray Walker, and graduated

from the Sunset High School. Since he has been a student at A. & M. College.

The marriage of this young couple is the culmination of a romance which began when they met at a Cotton Ball at A. & M., and when the groom was a freshman there. Mrs. Walker by her pleasing personality has won a host of friends in this city. She will remain at Ben Arnold until Mr. Walker receives his degree from A. & M. College.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker are spending the Christmas holidays in Dallas with his relatives.

FIRE TRUCK STOLEN

Kaw City, Oklahoma.—This city's fire department was badly crippled recently when thieves took its fire truck.

NEW DOLLAR BILL

Washington.—A brand new dollar bill, containing the reverse of the Great Seal of the United States which bears the Latin phrase Novus Ordo Seclorum, which is translated as "A

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Let us increase that neighborliness, that spirit of helpfulness, that unity of purpose in making our community a better place in which to live. Let us renew our faith in our own "little town" and be proud of it and its people—our neighbors and our friends.

It is in this spirit that your Home Town Paper, a community institution devoted to the best interests of our community, reminds you of that other "little town" and with it sends you its best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a greater measure of happiness in our community than it has ever known before.

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Enter the Villain

By CHET GRANT

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GEORGIE BLAKE was seeing Mabel Porter home from a Young People's Dramatic club rehearsal of "The Old Red Mill." His wreck of a car—the Iron Horse—shuddered as its racing motor split the quiet winter evening with anguished roars. They were parked before Mabel's house.

"Well, personally," Georgie was saying, "I can't see this Mortimer Jenks with a telescope."

"You couldn't," Mabel answered with a tinge of scorn. "Mortimer is a finished actor."

"Finished is right," Georgie growled. "He's terrible." The Iron Horse roared at the night as Georgie nursed the throttle.

"Who's he, I'd like to know, to get the best part in the whole show?"

"Mortimer is a true Thespian," Mabel retorted with dignity. "He's a born actor, and he attends an exclusive prep-school. But you should kick; you have one of the best parts."

"Sure," Georgie cried cynically, "I should kick. Do I get a chance to make love to you? Only twice and I get slapped both times. And by the way, when you start slapping, go easy. And remember this is a play and don't take those love scenes with this Mortimer so serious."

A light appeared in an upper window of Mabel's house, a signal which she quickly observed.

"Well, good-night, Georgie," she said with sweet womanly patience. "You mustn't be silly about all this."

"Silly!" Georgie yelled. "And you makin' love with a big sissy as I—"

Mabel stamped her foot. "Georgie Blake," she shouted. "I'll make love when and where and with whom I like!"

"Mabel!"

A heavy masculine voice cleaved the night air. The moonlight gleamed on Mr. Porter's bald head in the upper window. "Mabel, send that idiot home and come in the house. It's after one o'clock."

"Yes, pater," Mabel called. There was a snort and the window slammed.

"Pater!" Georgie crowed. "Oh, deah! Deah Mortimer Jenks! Hey, Mabel, are you crazy?"

"Well, at least, he's refined," Mabel screeched above the din.

"Sure he is," Georgie rejoined, "and when I swat him he'll be granulated!"

"Ha!" Mabel scorned, drawing her overcoat about her in such a manner that it could be nothing but an ermine wrap. The Iron Horse roared away down the street flapping its fenders. The neighbors turned thankfully in their beds and went to sleep.

The last week of rehearsals Georgie boiled in oil. It was apparent to him that Mabel was going far out of her way to make "The Old Red Mill" a success. It was hard enough watching his girl, or the girl he hoped was his, making love with a sissy on a stage, but when she let the sissy see her home... Savagely Georgie planned revenge.

On the fateful night the town hall auditorium was packed to the doors. Mabel was lovely in a new gown and Mortimer Jenks hovered about her until Georgie's red hair stood on end.

The performance went successfully toward a sizzling third act. Mabel and Mortimer billed and cooed until Georgie was nearly bereft of his senses. Under the lash of his indignation he made his part so real the audience positively hated him and when Mortimer made his dramatic entrance to rescue Mabel from Georgie's clutches there was a shout of acclaim.

Silence settled on the house. Tense, the audience waited for the hero to settle the villain's hash. But although Georgie cringed before the triumphant and handsome Mortimer, he was gritting to himself, "I'll do it, by heck! I'll do it!"

Mortimer kissed Mabel and then advanced to Georgie. "Do you admit defeat?" he thundered with deserving insolence.

Every head turned toward Georgie. It was his cue to mutter, "Curse, never!" make an attempt to escape and be overpowered by Mortimer. Instead, his voice snarled to the farthest seat an exultant line that wasn't in the script.

"Come and get it, Lollypop!"

He shot a straight hard left to Mortimer's nose. He crossed with his right, but in his excitement and anxiety he missed by a foot. There was a howl from the audience. Mortimer Jenks was everywhere at once. Georgie did his best, but he was no match for all the fists he saw before him. A thousand stars rained across his vision and the curtain came down to thunderous applause.

Georgie changed over quickly and made an unobtrusive exit. He was lame and sore in a hundred places. His jaw hurt like fury.

"Georgie, you were grand!"

The moon was behind a cloud and Mabel stood there looking almost like Sarah Bernhardt offering gifts.

"Thanks," Georgie mumbled through bruised lips. "Come on and I'll see you home."

"No, thank you," Mabel spoke from the heights of her dramatic success. "Mortimer is seeing me home in his Strutz Eight."

"What?"

"Yes, Mortimer is the eastern prep-school boxing champion and the pater wants to meet him."

"Ow!"

"What did you say?" she asked dreamily.

"Nothing," Georgie growled. "My jaw cracked!"

Miss Foldine Rylander Becomes the Bride of Mr. Bill Burns in Quiet Ceremony Here

In a pretty home wedding on Wednesday afternoon, December 11th, at five o'clock, Miss Foldine Rylander became the bride of Walter N. Burns. Rev. J. Coy Williams, pastor of the First Methodist church, performed the ring ceremony before an improvised altar of palms and floor baskets of large white chrysanthemums in the living room of the bride's sister, Mrs. Lester Williams.

Miss Alice Rylander, sister of the bride, sang "I Love You Truly," accompanied at the piano by Miss Arnette Ryan, who played the wedding march.

Miss Laureta Evans was maid of honor and Mrs. Lester Williams, matron of honor. Each of the bride's attendants was dressed in crepe frocks of ashes of roses with black accessories and wore corsages of Talisman roses.

Sam McDermott, Jr. was best man.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, R. B. Rylander. She wore a frock of navy blue with accessories. Her shower corsage was lily of the valley.

The reception was held from 5:30 to 7:30 p. m. The wedding cake, which was two large hearts joined together, was cut by the bride and groom and served with coffee and green mints. Members of the wedding party and Misses Frances Blaylock and Wis McDermott served.

The couple left for a honeymoon in San Antonio and other points of interest.

Mrs. Burns is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Rylander. She was reared in this city and after graduating from Yoe High school here, attended school of expression in Cleveland, Ohio, and received her diploma. She returned to Cameron and taught expression and was also employed with the Texas Cotton Co-operative office here. Mrs. Burns is a very popular member of the younger social set.

The bride groom is the son of Mrs. S. M. Burns of this city. He was reared here and completed his high school education in this city and after attended Texas Technological College in Lubbock. At present, Mr. Burns is employed as manager of the Central Freight Lines in Cameron.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Mrs. Grady Cooper and Mrs. Wm. Fanning were hostesses on Tuesday afternoon to the 12 year old girls of their Sunday School classes of the First Baptist Church.

The girls met at the church and were led in games by Mrs. Fanning. Gifts were later distributed from a pretty Christmas tree.

OLDEST STENOGRAPHER DIES

Belfast, Northern Ireland.—Maria Wakefield, 85, said to be the oldest stenographer in the world, died recently. She had been blind since she was 15.



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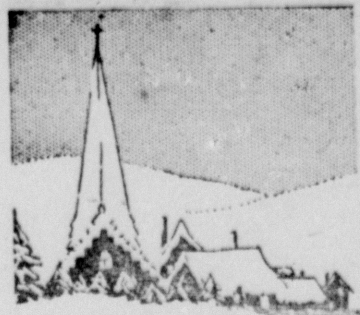
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The Message of Christmas

By T. F. O'SULLIVAN
St. Michael's Church, Burlington



"The grace of God our Saviour hath appeared to all men, instructing us that denying ungodliness and worldly desires, we should live soberly, and justly, and godly in this world."

Dear friends: No one listening attentively Sunday after Sunday to the selections from Epistles of St. Paul could fail to observe how practical the man is in everything he says. There is nothing vague about his exhortations. His every appeal is aimed at some definite failing in the life of man, as evident today as it was in the first century of the Christian era when St. Paul wrote these letters.

So today in his appeal to us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires to "live soberly, justly and godly," he is pointing out the three fundamental weaknesses of present-day social living. Further he indicates the virtues which must be cultivated to offset these weaknesses.

"Live soberly, justly and godly." Is the world living soberly, justly and godly? One morning we pick up the paper and read the story of an avalanche of divorces. Is this living soberly? Sobriety means temperance, and temperance means self-restraint, but divorce means self-indulgence of the crudest kind. Is the world living justly? One week the papers are filled with reports of a crime wave breaking over one of our larger cities, and the next week we have the same report from another. Murder is committed to effect mere petty robberies, and all respect for home life is lost in the desire to accumulate material wealth. Is this living justly?

Justice means respect for the rights of others and theft and murder are the very denial of these rights. Is the world living godly? Again we go to the papers and read the story of a bomb explosion in one place or incendiary in another. These are acts of anarchy and anarchy means the denial of authority. To live godly means showing respect for authority; it means respecting the laws of the land and we are all aware that broadcast in this country today there is a spirit of disrespect for law. This is not living godly.

These three sins of society characterize what we call the spirit of the world. To consider them in the inverse order, we see that there is a spirit of self-glorification, of rebellion against law and order manifested in

the increase of crime, which is the common experience of all our larger cities at the present time. In the second place the spirit of selfishness was never so rampant as it is in the world of today. It manifests itself especially in the uncontrollable craving to accumulate material wealth. From the word profit we have coined the word "profiteer."

In the third place there is a spirit of self-indulgence characteristic of our social life today. It manifests itself in the extreme to which the world goes in its mad pursuit of pleasure.

In contrast to these three sins of society, that is the spirit of self-glorification, the spirit of selfishness in material things and self-indulgence in things of body and mind, there are three corresponding virtues which society needs to cultivate. St. Paul's exhortation is to live soberly, justly and godly. To live godly means to practice the virtue of obedience. Obedience means respect for authority, whether that authority be the authority of God, the authority of the government under which we live, the authority of the parent in the family group or anyone who replaces the parent, as the teacher in the school. To live justly means to practice the virtue of justice sweetened by charity; to have respect for the rights of others; to avoid everything that savors of injustice. For the merchant it means to give value for money received—hence, not to misrepresent his wares, or to use false weights in dealing them out. For the buyer it means not to contract debts that he knows he cannot pay, or has no intention of paying. To live justly means all this and a little more. It means to have respect not only for the rights of others, but even for their comfort, their general welfare, and to be willing to put oneself to some inconvenience to help promote that welfare.

In the third place to live soberly means to practice the virtue of temperance in all those details of living in which the bodily appetites crave indulgence. With the passing of prohibition law there is a special need to cultivate the virtue of temperance. Putting a law on the statute books is not the same as writing that law in the hearts of men. Governmental legislation can never make men live soberly. There must be a desire so to

livewritten in their own hearts. When we consider the extent to which drunkenness and impurity are rife in the world today, surely we are justified in saying that it has a need of the virtue of temperance.

Now it is significant that these three same fundamental weaknesses of human society which were emphasized by St. Paul almost two thousand years ago were present in the affairs of men two thousand years ago before St. Paul pointed them out. The Ten Commandments delivered to Moses on Mount Sinai amid thunder, and the flashing of lightning were aimed at remedying the same three defects that human society seems always addicted to. The first four of the Commandments aim at promoting a proper attitude towards God. Respect for authority is the virtue they inculcate. Four of the remaining six aim at promoting respect for the rights of others. The remaining two aim at developing a strict control over the dominating body appetite. So we see that these primitive laws delivered to the chosen people of God were aimed at remedying the very defects which are eating the heart out of the social organization in which we live today.

For the spirit of self-glorification the Commandments would substitute the spirit of obedience, reverence for authority and for the law of the land in which we live. For the spirit of selfishness they would substitute the attitude of forgetfulness of self and consideration for the rights of others.

For the spirit of self indulgence they would substitute the spirit of self denial the practice of mortification in things of the mind and body, which will develop within us a power of will that alone can make us impervious to the baser temptations of the flesh.

It is significant that these three

The Christmas Dinner



By Alice B. Palmer

IT WAS Christmas day! Ice coated—snow coated—crisp and delightful! Great preparations for the holiday feast were in progress in the old homestead at the far end of Jay street. A gorgeous Christmas tree and attractive berry-laden holly wreaths shone through the windows, while the evergreens without added to the beauty of the festive atmosphere.

There were just seven of them in the little family—father, mother and children. They were all busy in the happy holiday task of helping mother. The turkey was sputtering in the oven and the cranberries were popping. Joyous song and laughter rang through the gaily decorated home.



Long Ago There Had Also Been "Just Seven of Them!"

Lucia Bell, a new resident several doors down the same street was sitting alone dreamily gazing out upon the Christmas ice castles.

Just then she heard a knock. Who in the world could be rapping at her door on Christmas day? "Come in!" cried the startled Lucia Bell. In stepped a small girl beaming with the very joy of being alive.

"My mudder—my—we all want you to be invited for Christmas dinner! We got a big turkey and cranberries and everything! Won't you please come? It's the house with all the Christmas trees around it!"

Lucia Bell, smiling a smile of Christmas joy, was truly delighted and accompanied the happy little girl to the house of great Christmas preparations.

"Won't you be one of us," said mother sweetly, "and cut the Christmas pies?"

Lucia Bell was thrilled and before anyone knew it she had them trimly cut and ready to serve.

"Twas at the height of the Christmas dinner that something very wonderful happened to Lucia Bell. Why there they were—all of them! Strange she hadn't noticed before! In those other days long ago there had also been "just seven of them!" Opposite to her now, she could plainly see her own brothers and sisters sitting around that other table. She rubbed her eyes and blinked at the happy scene. At that very moment the little family before her became Christmas fairies in the mind of Lucia Bell; and she smiled a smile of tender gratitude toward each one of them.

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virtues which were needed in the life of early man—these three virtues which St. Paul pointed out as necessary for the early Christians of his day—are the very virtues which our Lord Jesus teaches us by His coming on earth that first Christmas morning. There is first of all the virtue of obedience, of respect for authority. Our Lord in taking flesh, coming on earth as a man among men was obedient to the will of His Heavenly Father. In coming as a mere Babe and living the life of a child and a youth, He was subject to the will of His foster father and His Mother. And in a more striking way He was brought forth in a stable and laid in a manger because a Roman Emperor had decided to gratify his vanity and take a census of his world-wide domain, and for that purpose had ordered that every individual should be enrolled in his tribal city. So St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother were compelled to travel to Bethlehem and the new-born King was brought forth in the habitation of beasts through obedience to the laws of the land.

Again the second defect which is common to all human nature is that of selfishness and the virtue that is the very opposite of selfishness is the virtue of justice, sweetened by charity which means being forgetful of self and thinking of others. And Jesus Christ in coming on earth was thinking only of us, of our needs and how we could satisfy them. He came among us out of love for us.

He worked as a carpenter in the shop at Nazareth. What a protest this is against the modern attitude of hatred for work. We are in the presence today of a conflict between labor and capital. In the life of Jesus Christ we are presented with the spectacle of the harmonious working of labor and capital together for He was the greatest capitalist of all times, the creator of heaven and earth and therefore their owner. Yet, at the same time He did not despise the labor that is done with hands and finally after coming among us in the spirit of obedience and after working among us in the spirit of charity, He departed from this life, on the Cross, as the consummation of that great love which He had for all men. He gave up all that we have much. Finally, in the third place this other virtue which should be an integral part of the daily lives of all men.

The virtue of temperance in all things are also strikingly illustrated in the coming of our Lord on that first Christmas morning. He was born of a virgin mother. He was brought forth in poverty and distress. He was surrounded by the poorest of the poor, for, according to the best tradition, it was the shepherds alone who were present at the crib in Bethlehem, the three kings coming later.

So here we have the exemplification of the purity on the one hand, and of self denial on the other, and these are the very things that go to make up the virtue of temperance, which St. Paul calls living soberly.

It is not difficult to point out the practical bearing of all this on our own lives. We are continually experiencing the same three fold temptation. We experience the temptation to self glorification, to the self-will; to follow our own law instead of the law of authority. In particular we experience this temptation in the tendency which is present in every one of us to be selfish. Again, we experience it in the tendency from which we can never entirely free ourselves namely to be self-indulgent. And yet, this spirit is the very opposite of the spirit of Christmas. If there is anything this season means it means thinking of others and less of ourselves. The custom of giving gifts at this time illustrates this fact in a very concrete way. If we would enter then into the spirit of Christmas, if we could enjoy this day in all its fullness we must be determined that these defects which are so prone to make themselves a part of our daily lives, must have no place within us this day. Further that they will have little part to play during the New Year which is about to open. And in order to make this decision of some avail there is the necessity developing upon us of determining to cultivate the three opposite virtues—the virtues of obedience, of justice sweetened by charity, and of temperance.

If we make some beginning in this great life work today, we shall be in a good way to enjoy the blessedness of Christmas.

And this is my wish and prayer for us all on Christmas morning; may the joy of the Blessed Mother be ours at Christmas. May the sweetness and gentleness of the Christ Child be

characteristic of us in our dealings with one another. And finally may the happiness of the Holy Family come in abundance into our homes, into the larger social groups in which we live, our parish, our cities, our towns, and finally into that larger family, the whole human race, of which we are so small a part. Christmas Day is a day of peace and good will to all men. May the world at large come to know the meaning of these words.

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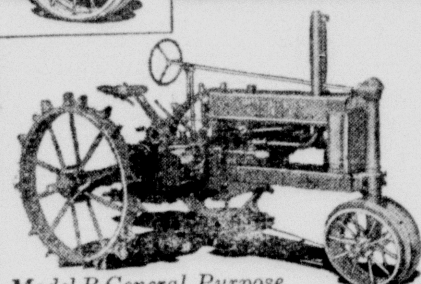
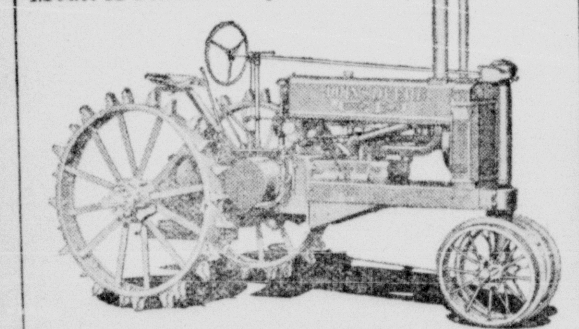
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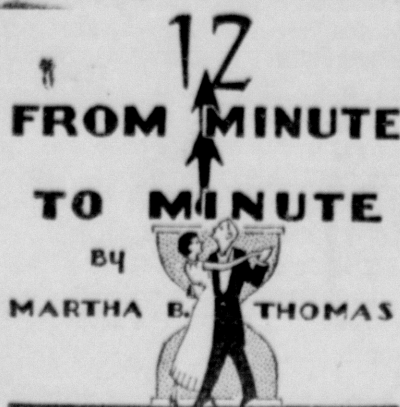
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"ONE minute," said Corinne, "it's today. And the next—it's tomorrow!"

"And one minute," replied Bruce, "it's this year—and the next it's tomorrow-year."

She smiled at him, a little dark thing in filmy clouds of white. They circled the ballroom once more.

"And one minute," said Bruce with a deep rumble he tried to keep from sounding tender, lest someone overhear, "you're Miss Corinne Mumford, and the next," he whirled her off into a quieter corner, "you're Mrs. Bruce MacQueen!"

"Indeed . . . as quickly as that?" She smiled again but her cool voice trembled.

"Do I gather," her lashes fell on her cheeks, "that this is in the way of a proposal of marriage?"

"Bright girl! On New Year's eve I demand a new wife . . . a new life . . . and happiness ever afterward."



" . . . and We're Old. Minute After Minute . . . Promise!"

"How modest," she murmured, "you are."

"Speak . . . I promise me before the bells ring out! Minutes fly . . . into hours, days . . . months and years! Promise me!" Now he held her closer, his breath fanned her hair. "They pile up and pile up . . . and then life goes on . . . and we're old. Minute after minute . . . promise!"

The violins seemed to beseech her; they cried out at her in lovely golden voices. One minute is today . . . the next is tomorrow! They danced and danced. One minute Miss Corinne Mumford . . . the next Mrs. Bruce MacQueen.

In her clouds of filmy white, whirling and whirling in her partner's arms, she tried to think. Was it the ball . . . the glitter and life and beauty of a big party? The joy of dancing as if her feet were shod with wings? The delight of hearing Bruce's voice begging her . . . talking to her, holding her more and more closely in his strong, gentle grasp? Did she love him? Did he love her? He had not said so. He had never said so. Yet she had seen him day after day. She had taken for granted their friendship, as one loves the sun, yet forgets the sun is shining.

Around and around—whirl, whirl! Perhaps one did not have to decide. Perhaps, as one minute slid silently into the next . . . one knew!

"I'm going away tomorrow," said Bruce, "to South America. A big chance."

"Oh," she gasped, "you did not tell me!"

"I only heard today."

He was going away . . . when today was tomorrow, he would be gone. A little pain climbed from her heart to her throat. She lifted her chin and looked up.

His glance, sober and dark and shining, plunged into her eyes. She quivered.

He began to sing with the music, but words of his own. "The boat sails on . . . and the wind blows south . . . I'll never come home again."

The music stopped. A hush fell on the huge ball room. The first slow peal of a bell sounded high in the air.

"Tell me . . . speak with the bells . . . on New Year's eve, Corinne!"

She turned her face away. She knew.

So, joining her small human voice with the clangor overhead, she said—"One minute Corinne Mumford . . . the next, Mrs. Bruce MacQueen."

And midnight passed into the New Year.

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